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CASE NO. 1.

Murder of the Bride-to-Be

1 The Wedding Rehearsal Over, her elderly lover, Morton Hughes, told lovely Fay Lowell the bulk of his fortune would be hers—that he intended largely to disinherit his wastrel son, Frank. That sneering young man heard, glowered, but said nothing.

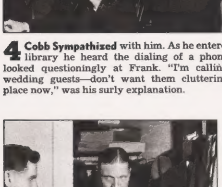
2 Fay, Strangled between 12 and 2 a. m., was found at 6 by the maid. Arriving at 6:20, Inspector Hannibal Cobb at once closed the French door to save the hot house flowers from freezing.

3 The Heartbroken Hughes lamented he had not investigated the noise he heard at 1 o'clock. He might have caught the murderer who must have entered through the French door. Valuable gifts were missing.

4 Cobb Sympathized with him. As he entered the library he heard the dialing of a phone. He looked questioningly at Frank. "I'm calling the wedding guests—don't want them cluttering the place now," was his surly explanation.

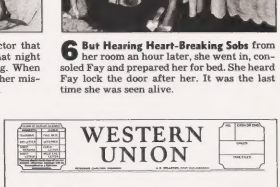
5 The Maid, Yolette, told the Inspector that Frank came to Fay's room at 11 that night demanding money, and became insulting. When she started to drive him from the room, her mistress hastily dismissed her for the night.

6 But Hearing Heart-Breaking Sobs from her room an hour later, she went in, consoled Fay and prepared her for bed. She heard Fay lock the door after her. It was the last time she was seen alive.



7 Frank Surprised Hannibal searching his clothes. That necklace? Fay gave it to him last night when he went to her room. And why shouldn't she? She'd have got what was rightfully his! Cobb was silent.

8 Over the Disarranged wedding gifts Yolette explained. "I did not notice the French door open when I find Mees Fay. After, nobody touch anything? No." There were jimmy marks on that door . . .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AT 6:20 A.M. I FOUND FAY LOWELL LYING BELOW BANK FRESH HOT HOUSE FLOWERS ARRANGED LAST NIGHT FOR MORNING WEDDING. SHE WAS STRANGLED BETWEEN 12 AND 2 A.M. FAY'S MAID, YOLETTE, SAYS DESPITE WINTRY BLAST DID NOT NOTICE FRENCH DOOR WAS OPEN WHEN DISCOVERED TRAGEDY AT 6 BUT WHEN DID OBSERVE IT WARNED OTHERS NOTHING MUST BE DISTURBED. FRANK HUGHES WAS TO BE PRACTICALLY DISINHERITED BY FATHER, FAY'S FIANCE. HAVE PROOF FRANK STOLE FAY'S RUBY NECKLACE. SEVERAL WEDDING GIFTS MISSING. THIS AN INSIDE JOB. AM ARRESTING LOGICAL SUSPECT.
INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 . . . But Hannibal Cobb now knew this was an *inside* job. Sending the above report, he arrested the logical suspect. He knew Frank stole Fay's necklace but what *one, single* clue told Cobb this was an *inside* job? Solve before checking solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 2.

The Tragedy of Peggy Grant

1 Hearing a Shot, Claude Grant forces the only door to the suite occupied by his sister and Aunt Martha. The latter was about to shoot herself. He disarmed her.

2 Peggy Grant Was Dead, shot through the neck. Martha tells Inspector Cobb she had rushed in, seen Peggy a suicide, picked up the gun and tried to kill herself.

3 Pulling Back the Covers from the wound, Cobb sees Peggy's hands are bruised. The dazed Martha corroborates Claude's story (picture 1). No, nothing has been touched.

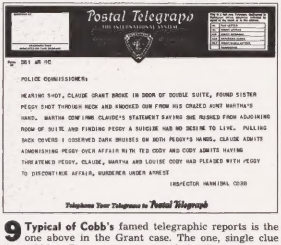
4 Claude Has Told Peggy the day before that she *must* end her affair with married Ted Cody—that he'd rather see her dead than continue. Self-willed Peggy defied him.

5 The Same Evening Mrs. Cody snatched a boutonniere from her husband, crying: "You'll not wear my flowers to see that Grant girl! And if you don't end this affair—well, I will!"

6 In the Grant Home That Night Peggy, emotionally storm-tossed to the breaking point, cowered against the fireplace. Pointing a gun at her, Cody shouted: "Before I'll give you up I'll kill you—then myself!" Claude disarmed Ted after a struggle and ordered him from the house.

7 Really in Love with Cody the girl had sought spiritual guidance in a quiet chapel a few hours before her death. Mrs. Cody met her, pleaded with her there.

8 Deeply Touched by Peggy's death, Cobb said a silent prayer beside her bier. He knew she wasn't a suicide, but he shook thoughts of her killer from his mind. There, too, was stark, ghastly tragedy.



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HEARING SHOT, CLAUDE GRANT BROKE IN DOOR OF DOUBLE SUITE, FOUND SISTER PEGGY SHOT THROUGH NECK AND KNOCKED GUN FROM HIS CRAZED AUNT MARTHA'S HAND. MARTHA CONFIRMS CLAUDE'S STATEMENT SAYING SHE RUSHED FROM ADJOINING ROOM OF SUITE AND FINDING PEGGY A SUICIDE HAD NO DESIRE TO LIVE. PULLING BACK COVERS I OBSERVED DARK BRUISES ON BOTH PEGGY'S HANDS. CLAUDE ADMITS ADMONISHING PEGGY OVER AFFAIR WITH TED CODY AND CODY ADMITS HAVING THREATENED PEGGY. CLAUDE, MARTHA AND LOUISE CODY HAD PLEADED WITH PEGGY TO DISCONTINUE AFFAIR, MURDERER UNDER ARREST

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

9 Typical of Cobb's famed telegraphic reports is the one above in the Grant case. The one, single clue that told him Peggy was not a suicide but had been murdered and who the murderer was, is in text, photos and wire. Can you solve it? See solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 3.

Why Arrest the Watchman?

1 The Night Watchman in this clothing store soon will be all alone. This woman is the last of the cleaning force to leave. It is 8 p. m. The store has had a busy day.

2 A Few Minutes After 11 P. M. it appears that the watchman is not alone in the store. Here you see him gagged and being bound by two determined young men who evidently know there is considerable money locked up in the store's safe.

3 Meanwhile, a third man, called "Dynamite Harry," is preparing to blow open the safe. He is wearing gloves at his work.

4 Not Long Afterwards, Harry and his two pals let themselves out a back door. A fourth criminal is waiting for them in a large automobile.

5 Constable Root, a patrolman on this beat, notices one of the rear doors is unfastened. This is just before 1 a. m. next morning. He investigates.

6 Finding No Sign of anybody on duty, the constable looks around until he sees the watchman lying among considerable disorder. The watchman's table was upset, his dishes broken, only his chair remaining undisturbed.

7 When Detectives Arrive the watchman gives but little assistance. He had just made his complete rounds, he says, and was seated at the table to eat when he was seized from behind. He had noticed nothing suspicious.

8 There Was No Sign of forced entry. In a wardrobe past which the watchman's rounds led him, three cigar stubs lay. Employees were not allowed to smoke.

9 The Watchman's Story, along with the cigar stubs and absence of signs of a forced entry, suggested the robbers had secreted themselves in the building before it closed. But the watchman was arrested. Do you know why? The clues are all given here. Answer on page 27.

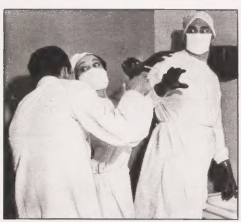
CASE NO. 4.

The Jealous Nurse

1 Dr. Elden explained to Inspector Hannibal Cobb that while out of the room his ex-assistant (and ex-sweetheart), Madge Duncan, unlocked his drug cabinet, drank poison and died, despite restoratives he administered.

2 After Being Discharged, Elden said, Madge came to the laboratory, told him she regretted her actions and would kill herself if he gave her up. He reminded her of his engagement to Duane Ralston and went into his adjoining office.

3 The Perfect Prints of the dead girl's thumb and first finger found on the plain head of the Yale key in the cabinet lock were photographed. Then, as Cobb turned the key with difficulty, the physician continued with his account of the tragedy.



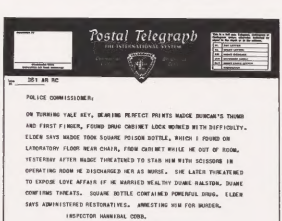
4 Yesterday at the hospital he had told the nurse of his engagement to Duane. In a passionate rage Madge tried to stab him but an orderly intervened. Promptly dismissed, she threatened him and his fiancee.

5 Leaving the Hospital Madge went to Duane Ralston's estate, found the heiress making a snow man for her nieces. Bluntly, cruelly she told her Elden was marrying her only for her money —that it was *she* whom he loved.

6 And That Night the nurse had burst in on him and Miss Ralston and threatened to make public her affair with Elden. She'd see if the socialite could take that! Duane said she could—and told Madge to go ahead.

7 Elden Told Cobb that, though Madge had not used it before, she knew the drug-cabinet key was kept in a desk drawer. Cobb stared at the square bottle he found on the floor.

8 He Studied It thoughtfully, then curtly ordered Elden to get on his coat, paying no heed to the doctor's threats to have him fired. Hannibal Cobb *knew* that Madge was not a suicide, that Elden had murdered her.



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ON TURNING YALE KEY, BEARING PERFECT PRINTS MADGE DUNCAN'S THUMB AND FIRST FINGER, FOUND DRUG CABINET LOCK MOVED WITH DIFFICULTY. ELDEN SAYS MADGE TOOK SQUARE POISON BOTTLE, WHICH I FOUND ON LABORATORY FLOOR NEAR CHAIR, FROM CABINET WHILE HE OUT OF ROOM. YESTERDAY AFTER MADGE THREATENED TO STAB HIM WITH SCISSORS IN OPERATING ROOM HE DISCHARGED HER AS NURSE. SHE LATER THREATENED TO EXPOSE LOVE AFFAIR IF HE MARRIED WEALTHY DUANE RALSTON. DUANE CONFIRMS THREATS. SQUARE BOTTLE CONTAINED POWERFUL DRUG. ELDEN SAYS ADMINISTERED RESTORATIVES. ARRESTING HIM FOR MURDER.

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

9 What One, Single Clue told Cobb Dr. Elden was lying—that Madge was not a suicide, but had been murdered? It is in text, photos and Hannibal's famed telegraphic report above. Really try to solve this authentic crime problem. It's fun. Solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 5.

The Wife Beater's Fate

1 **"Inspector Hannibal Cobb?"** Inquired an excited voice over the phone. "This is Mrs. Gilda Spencer, 4927 Trent St. I have just shot my husband!"

2 **Hastening to the Address,** the inspector found Louis Spencer lying on the living room floor—dead from a bullet through the heart. A kitchen knife lay near the body. Cobb picked it up.

3 **"I Made Up My Mind** the next time Louis threatened me I would have to kill him—before he killed me," sobbed Gilda. Cobb quietly studied Gilda and her brother, Floyd Hardy.

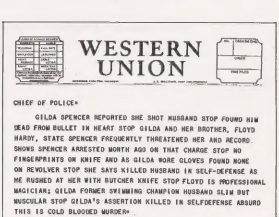
4 **"Why, It's Been Less Than a Month** since Louie was arrested for beating up Gilda," Floyd broke in. He also threatened her life at that time." Cobb examined the knife.

5 **There Were No Fingerprints** on it or on the gun lying on a small side table. Cobb noted Gilda's gloved hands.

6 **"When I Returned** from shopping Louis started abusing me," the woman volunteered, now quieted down.

7 **"As I Was Putting Down** my groceries he grabbed that butcher knife and I ran to the living room, here, took the gun from that table drawer and shot him just as he was about to knife me."

8 **"You'll Have to Come to Headquarters,"** Hannibal Cobb told the again sobbing Gilda. Her brother shouted, "You'll never convict her! She shot that rat in self-defense." Cobb's telegraphic report follows.



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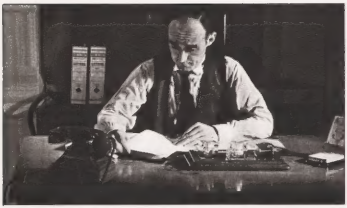
GILDA SPENCER REPORTED SHE SHOT HUSBAND STOP FOUND HIM DEAD FROM BULLET IN HEART STOP GILDA AND HER BROTHER, FLOYD HARDY, STATE SPENCER FREQUENTLY THREATENED HER AND RECORD SHOWS SPENCER ARRESTED MONTH AGO ON THAT CHARGE STOP NO FINGERPRINTS ON KNIFE AND AS GILDA WORE GLOVES FOUND NONE ON REVOLVER STOP SHE SAYS KILLED HUSBAND IN SELF-DEFENSE AS HE RUSHED AT HER WITH BUTCHER KNIFE STOP FLOYD IS PROFESSIONAL MAGICIAN; GILDA FORMER SWIMMING CHAMPION HUSBAND SLIM BUT MUSCULAR STOP GILDA'S ASSERTION KILLED IN SELFDEFENSE ABSURD THIS IS COLD BLOODED MURDER=

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 **The One, Single Clue** which told Inspector Hannibal Cobb Gilda had deliberately murdered her husband, not shot in self-defense, is before you. Solution is on page 27.

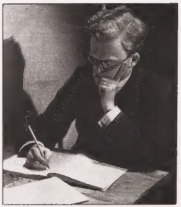
CASE NO. 6.

The Senior Partner Dies



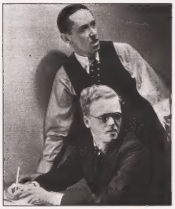
1 At 9 O'clock One Hot August Night Mortimer Rose, senior partner of Rose & Rose, sat at his desk. It was rumored his firm was in bad condition because of unwise speculation by one of the partners. (All names used in this series are fictitious.)

2 In An Adjoining Room sat the junior partner, Howard Rose. He was writting a letter. He also was in shirt sleeves. The night was warm.



3 Except For the Caretaker in the basement, the only other person in the building was clerk Joseph Varney, working overtime.

4 Just After 9 P. M., Howard Rose called Varney in from the next room, handed him a letter and asked Varney to mail it in a box down the street. Varney mailed it and was back in 10 minutes.



5 A Little Later, Howard Rose entered Varney's room with some figures he wanted checked. Varney was checking them when the two men were startled by a muffled report from another room.

6 Howard Rose Ran to the senior partner's room, followed by Varney. They saw Mortimer Rose lying sprawled over his desk. A revolver was on the floor near him. Varney phoned for the police.

7 Detective Higgins soon arrived. He noted that the position of the bullet's entry indicated it could have been suicide. The bullet had penetrated the right temple of the senior partner.

8 The Detective then examined the gun, a .22-caliber weapon. He learned that it belonged to the dead man and had been in his desk.

9 Continuing His Search, the detective found a check on the desk beneath the dead man's chest. It had been endorsed, the ink smudged.

10 Careful Search showed that the electric heater was lit, though the night was warm. On a chair leg a piece of string was dangling.

11 Behind the Dead Man's Chair the detective picked up these small fragments of a rubbery substance. Then he took Varney into another room and questioned him closely about the evening. The detective decided it was murder and not suicide, that one of the two men was guilty. He then made an arrest. Do you know who the guilty one was? All clues have been given. The answer is on page 27.

CASE NO. 7.

Who Killed the Card Cheat?

1 Richard Croome, a Card Crook, led an easy life, living off his dishonest winnings. Here he greets a young engineer named Hill, invited in for a game.

2 Next to Arrive for the evening's gaming is Richard Rose, a representative of a shipping agent firm. He is at the left here and the host, Croome, is in the center.

3 A Civil Service Clerk, Robert Poulton, was third and last of Croome's guests to arrive, and the gambling got under way. Poulton explained he had been delayed by a minor accident to his hand.

4 Croome Ran True to Type by losing for an hour, but by midnight he had won heavily. He had no pencil, so borrowed one to figure up how much he had won. Then he gave the pencil back.

5 Croome's Visitors apparently had lost much more than they could afford. They took a final drink and departed, none so cheerful as when the playing had started.

6 Croome, His Pockets Full of newly-won cash, told himself it had been quite a satisfactory evening. His guests were gone and he did not expect to see them again.

7 The Next Morning Croome's housekeeper found him dead on the floor, his head on his left arm, a white rose clutched in his right hand. Nearby, a broken vase.

8 Croome Had Been Stabbed with this from behind. Later he had dragged himself across the room, pulled down the vase and died.

9 Contents of Croome's Pockets gave no clue. No fingerprints were found. Officers questioned Croome's companions of the previous evening, then charged one of them with his death. Do you know why? If not, look on page 27.

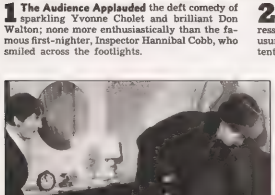
CASE NO. 8.

Wrong Makes Right

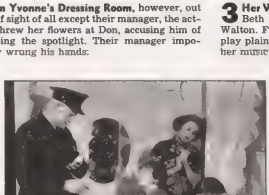
1 The Audience Applauded the deft comedy of sparkling Yvonne Cholet and brilliant Don Walton; none more enthusiastically than the famous first-nighter, Inspector Hannibal Cobb, who smiled across the footlights.

2 In Yvonne's Dressing Room, however, out of sight of all except their manager, the actress threw her flowers at Don, accusing him of usurping the spotlight. Their manager impotently wrung his hands.

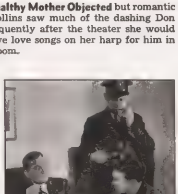
3 Her Wealthy Mother Objected but romantic Beth Collins saw much of the dashing Don Walton. Frequently after the theater she would play plaintive love songs on her harp for him in her music room.



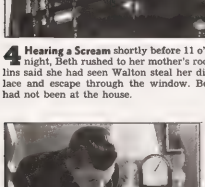
4 Hearing a Scream shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday night, Beth rushed to her mother's room. Mrs. Collins said she had seen Walton steal her diamond necklace and escape through the window. Beth swore he had not been at the house.



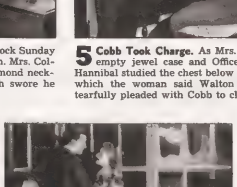
5 Cobb Took Charge. As Mrs. Collins showed her empty jewel case and Officer Budd took notes, Hannibal studied the chest below the window through which the woman said Walton had escaped. Beth tearfully pleaded with Cobb to clear Don.



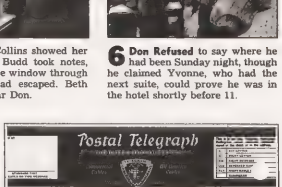
6 Don Refused to say where he had been Sunday night, though he claimed Yvonne, who had the next suite, could prove he was in the hotel shortly before 11.



7 But Yvonne told Hannibal she had fallen asleep in an easy chair and that she had noticed through the mirror it was 5 minutes after 1 when Don awakened her to say good-night.



8 That Afternoon: "Your attempt to *frame* Walton was a despicable trick!" barked the Inspector. "And if *you*, Mrs. Collins, don't *find* your necklace within an hour, I'll arrest *you*." He took a blank from . . .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CHIEF OF POLICE:

ALTHOUGH ACTOR DON WALTON CLAIMS WAS IN HOTEL AT 10:55 WHEN MRS. COLLINS SAYS SHE SAW HIM STEAL DIAMOND NECKLACE FROM HER DRESSING TABLE, HE REFUSES ADMIT WHERE HE SPENT PREVIOUS FIVE SUNDAY NIGHT AND YVONNE CHOLET OCCUPYING NEXT DOOR SUITE STATES WALTON DIDN'T RETURN UNTIL 1:05 A.M. SHE NOTICED TIME IN MIRROR AS HE HAD PROMISED SPEND EVENING WITH HER. MRS. COLLINS' LOVELY DAUGHTER, BETH, SWEARS DON NOT AT HOUSE SUNDAY NIGHT. EVIDENT THAT WALTON FRAMED. CONFIDENT JEWELS WILL BE QUICKLY RECOVERED.

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 . . . His Pocket and wrote one of his famous reports. What *one, single* clue proved to Cobb that Walton was innocent? That same clue also proved he was framed. What is it? There is fun and excitement in solving this authentic crime. Solution is on page 27.

CASE NO. 9.

Was Chip Murdered?

1 **"This Is a Stick-Up!"** barked Chip Famularo as he, Joe Ricci and Ace Burke entered the Union National Bank. "Down on the floor you two dames!" he gruffly ordered. The trio escaped with $30,000. By pre-arrangement they separated, Chip taking the money to be divided later.

2 **"Three Days** we've been holed up in this dump waitin' for that heel, Chip," growled Ace. "Well, he can't get away with double-limin' us, the dirty louse!" stormed Joe Ricci. "We got to find that mug!"

3 **Two Months Later** Ace bumped into Kit Dail, Chip's moll, in Chicago. She swore she hadn't seen Chip in two months. Ace trailed her but she lost him and returned to Chip's hide-out.

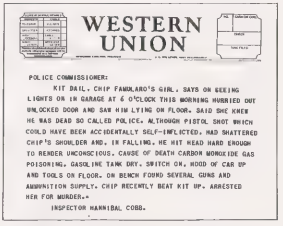
4 **But, Before She Could Tell** him of meeting Ace, Chip—furious at her going out at all—blacked both her eyes. Angrily she decided not to warn him of the impending danger.

5 **Inspector Hannibal Cobb** regarded Chip's corpse on the garage floor. While he had been shot through the shoulder and had hit his head in falling, carbon monoxide gas had killed Chip. The car switch was on; the tank empty.

6 **Over Coffee Kit Told Hannibal:** "Chip was going to pull a job. He went to the garage at 11 last night to tune up his motor and oil his guns. There was so much backfire I didn't hear the shot. I was asleep by 11:30." Cobb nodded; waited.

7 **Kit Went On:** "When I saw the lights on at 6 this morning I rushed out, unlocked the door and found him. Must have shot himself by accident." "And couldn't get out," mused Cobb.

8 **"Guess That's How It Was,"** Kit replied, putting an arm caressingly around his neck. Cobb flung the girl from him with a scowl. "Save that for the jury; you'll be tried for first degree murder and I know you're guilty!"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KIT DAIL, CHIP FAMULARO'S GIRL, SAYS ON SEEING LIGHTS ON IN GARAGE AT 6 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING HURRIED OUT UNLOCKED DOOR AND SAW HIM LYING ON FLOOR. SAID SHE KNEW HE WAS DEAD SO CALLED POLICE. ALTHOUGH PISTOL SHOT WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTALLY SELF-INFLICTED, HAD SHATTERED CHIP'S SHOULDER AND, IN FALLING, HE HIT HEAD HARD ENOUGH TO RENDER UNCONSCIOUS, CAUSE OF DEATH CARBON MONOXIDE GAS POISONING. GASOLINE TANK DRY. SWITCH ON, HOOD OF CAR UP AND TOOLS ON FLOOR. ON BENCH FOUND SEVERAL GUNS AND AMMUNITION SUPPLY. CHIP RECENTLY BEAT KIT UP. ARRESTED HER FOR MURDER.
INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 **Then He Dispatched** one of his famous telegraphic reports. Hannibal quickly spotted the one clue that proved Kit had murdered Chip. What is it? Work with Cobb on this authentic crime problem. The clue is in text, photos and telegram. Solution page 27.

CASE NO. 10.

The Scent of Death

1 Although Often Seen Together, society rumored that exotic Oma had decided to divorce her handsome, dashing husband, Aymar Alvarez, for his infidelity. Thursday night at a smart supper club, Aymar did his best to win her back.

2 Returning to the Apartment they had once shared (Aymar lived at his club) he said, "Good-night, darling—you are always in my heart. I shall see you tomorrow."

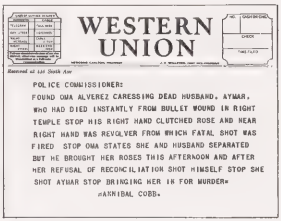
3 And He Did, with her favorite flowers, talisman roses, retaining a bud for his coat. But Oma was in no forgiving mood and taunted him with his sins. Enraged, he swung about, striking her, and shouting, "You'll either come back—or I'll . . ."

4 Inspector Hannibal Cobb found Oma on the floor caressing her dead husband's head. "Anything been touched?" asked Cobb, noting that Aymar had died instantly. "No, I . . . I just put Aymar's head in my lap." Hannibal got her story.

5 " . . . Aymar Went Insane," Oma said. "He struck me when I refused to return to him, pulled his gun and, with that rose in his hand, shot himself." Cobb was silent.

6 The Medical Examiner gave Oma a bromide. Hannibal examined a book end. "Aymar's last words," Oma repeated, "were 'I love you. You alone know why I have done this!' " Cobb was thinking of the bridge game he was about to miss.

7 When Oma Had Revived, Cobb said: "You're under arrest for Aymar's murder!" Like a tigress she drew a gun from her stocking, but he caught her arm.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FOUND OMA ALVEREZ CARESSING DEAD HUSBAND, AYMAR, WHO HAD DIED INSTANTLY FROM BULLET WOUND IN RIGHT TEMPLE STOP HIS RIGHT HAND CLUTCHED ROSE AND NEAR RIGHT HAND WAS REVOLVER FROM WHICH FATAL SHOT WAS FIRED STOP OMA STATES SHE AND HUSBAND SEPARATED BUT HE BROUGHT HER ROSES THIS AFTERNOON AND AFTER HER REFUSAL OF RECONCILIATION SHOT HIMSELF STOP SHE SHOT AYMAR STOP BRINGING HER IN FOR MURDER.
HANNIBAL COBB.

8 How Did Inspector Cobb *know* that Aymar was *not* a suicide but that Oma had killed him? The clue which broke the case for him is before you in text pictures and telegram. Try to solve this authentic crime problem before checking solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 11.

The Judge Dies at Midnight

1 Judge Alden Pierce proudly displayed the gems he had recently added to his famous collection to his friend, Inspector Hannibal Cobb of the Homicide Bureau, and his protege, Everet Davis, a young lawyer. Pierce had financed the brilliant Davis' career. The two live together. Cobb knew the judge was fond of Davis.

2 Circumstances made the three men gathered about the table singular companions. Davis was defending Club Ross on a murder charge in Judge Pierce's court. And it was Cobb who had apprehended Ross.

3 Cobb Took His After-Dinner Port from Cora Smith, ex-thief befriended by the judge and his housekeeper for 5 years. He knew Ross would receive the death sentence if convicted tomorrow. (And he did, to Davis' evident chagrin.)

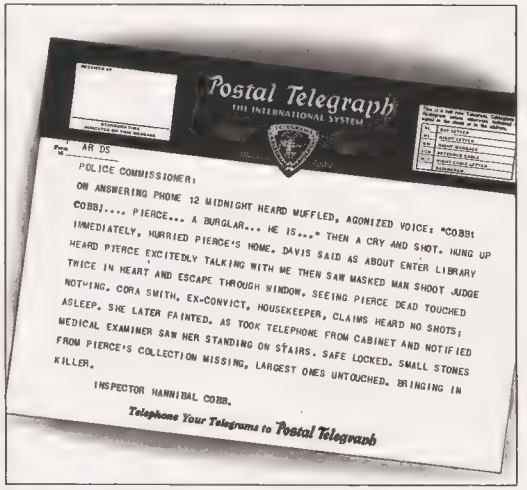
4 In His Chambers after the trial Pierce told Davis he *must* discontinue handling such disgraceful cases; must give up all underworld associations. Furious, distracted by financial difficulties, Davis keenly resented the judge's remarks.

5 Midnight. A muffled male voice came through the phone. "Cobb . . . Cobb. . . Pierce . . . a burglar . . . he's . . . " Then a cry and a shot. Hannibal hurried to dress and to Judge Pierce's home.

6 Davis Said a Masked Man shot Pierce twice as he talked with Cobb and escaped. Knowing Cobb would quickly arrive he had touched nothing. As he removed the phone from the cabinet and notified the coroner, Cobb saw Cora on the stairs.

7 It Appeared That Pierce had been examining his gems. Hannibal was puzzled; only the smaller stones were missing. Cora Smith said she had been sleeping—had heard no shots. Cobb studied her. He recalled how the judge had been warned against taking her into his home. Then he turned to the safe.

8 The Inspector turned the dial of the locked safe and muttered to himself. Then he said he knew which of them had shot their benefactor twice in the heart. Cora fainted . . . Davis dropped the drink he had just poured to quiet his shaken nerves.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POLICE COMMISSIONER:
ON ANSWERING PHONE 12 MIDNIGHT HEARD MUFFLED, AGONIZED VOICE: "COBB! COBB!... PIERCE... A BURGLAR... HE IS..." THEN A CRY AND SHOT. HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY, HURRIED PIERCE'S HOME. DAVIS SAID AS ABOUT ENTER LIBRARY HEARD PIERCE EXCITEDLY TALKING WITH ME THEN SAW MASKED MAN SHOOT JUDGE TWICE IN HEART AND ESCAPE THROUGH WINDOW. SEEING PIERCE DEAD TOUCHED NOTHING. CORA SMITH, EX-CONVICT, HOUSEKEEPER, CLAIMS HEARD NO SHOTS; ASLEEP. SHE LATER FAINTED. AS TOOK TELEPHONE FROM CABINET AND NOTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINER SAW HER STANDING ON STAIRS. SAFE LOCKED. SMALL STONES FROM PIERCE'S COLLECTION MISSING, LARGEST ONES UNTOUCHED. BRINGING IN KILLER.
INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.
Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

9 Enraged at His Friend's brutal murder, Hannibal kept his self-control with great difficulty while he dispatched one of his famous telegraphic reports. WHAT SINGLE CLUE TOLD HIM WHO HAD MURDERED THE JUDGE? Solve this puzzle before turning to page 27.

CASE NO. 12.

A Shot in the Trophy Room

1 **"Father! You Look a Perfect Ass** holding hands with the nurse!" Maria Black exclaimed as she stopped her car in front of the old colonial house. Millionaire-invalid Edward Black snarled a reply. Prentiss, his young British valet, was shocked. Anette Vaughn, his nurse, stared.

2 **LATER: "Anette, darling,"** said the once-famous sportsman, confined to his chair for 10 years—a widower for 8—"you won't let my children interfere with our marriage?" She sighed.

3 **That Evening** in the Black library young Hilary Black accused her: "You are marrying father *only* for his money!" Surprised by Anette's slap, Hilary checked his impulse to return the blow.

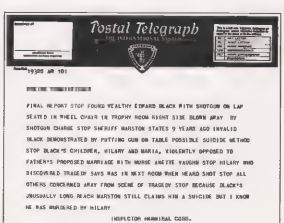
4 **"Hilary Said That!"** rasped Edward when she told him. "And so you won't marry me! Well—there's nothing to live for now. Those brats won't get a damn cent of my money!" Anette sobbingly fled. "Prentiss!" barked Black to his valet, "take me downstairs—now!"

5 **MIDNIGHT:** On Black's lap rested the shotgun which had blasted his side. Hilary told Inspector Cobb and Sheriff Marston he had heard the report from the next room. Cobb said nothing.

6 **Sheriff Marston,** Black's friend of long standing, told Cobb that 9 years ago, in that very room, the millionaire had demonstrated how he, an invalid, could commit suicide. Marston had laughed at him then.

7 **The Household Was Gathered,** Maria sprang at Anette shrieking, "Now you won't get a *cent*. You can't marry a *dead* invalid!" Cobb blandly pondered the human relations. Certainly there were motives!

8 **Cobb Spoke:** "These are facts. Nurse, you were out; Prentiss, you were in the kitchen; Maria, phoning. Hilary, you said you were in the next room. You lie! You shot your father—greed pulled the trigger!"



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FINAL REPORT STOP FOUND WEALTHY EDWARD BLACK WITH SHOTGUN ON LAP SEATED IN WHEEL CHAIR IN TROPHY ROOM RIGHT SIDE BLOWN AWAY BY SHOTGUN CHARGE STOP SHERIFF MARSTON STATES 9 YEARS AGO INVALID BLACK DEMONSTRATED BY PUTTING GUN ON TABLE POSSIBLE SUICIDE METHOD STOP BLACK'S CHILDREN, HILARY AND MARIA, VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO FATHER'S PROPOSED MARRIAGE BLK NURSE ANETTE VAUGHN STOP HILARY WHO DISCOVERED TRAGEDY SAYS WAS IN NEXT ROOM WHEN HEARD SHOT STOP ALL OTHERS CONCERNED AWAY FROM SCENE OF TRAGEDY STOP BECAUSE BLACK'S UNUSUALLY LONG REACH MARSTON STILL CLAIMS HIM A SUICIDE BUT I KNOW HE WAS MURDERED BY HILARY

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 **How Did Inspector Hannibal Cobb Know** that Black had not killed himself?—that Hilary had lied? The clue is before you, in pictures and text. Try to solve this authentic crime problem before turning to solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 13.

Murder in the Arson Ring

1 Two Gallant Lives Were Lost as intrepid firemen fought to save the great warehouse of the Imperial Manufacturing Co. The fight was in vain; the building and its contents a total loss. In another part of the city a gang of arsonists who had fired the warehouse . . .

2 . . . Harry Wade and his cohorts, Edna Harper and Fay Sherman discuss with Lippy Ellis plans for their next job—the Morris Fur Co. Lippy is clever but the others know he will squeal if caught.

3 Two Weeks Later Inspector Cobb, Detective Tim Ryan and Fire Marshal Spear discuss a plan to trap the firebugs. Ryan says he knows the Morris place is to be fired that night.

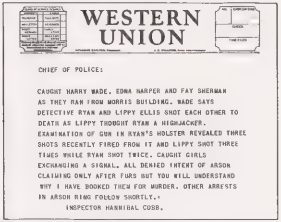
4 Caught dashing out of the Morris Building, Wade and the two girls are subdued after a terrific struggle. They are handcuffed and taken back into the building. But where is Ryan?

5 Cobb Soon Discovered the answer. Ryan and Lippy lie dead on the floor. The detective had been shot twice, Lippy three times. Hannibal curses himself for allowing Tim to cover the inside alone.

6 He Listens in Grim Silence as Wade tells his story. They were after some furs—that was all. Suddenly a man covered them. Thinking he was a hi-jacker, Lippy started firing. He and the girls beat it as the two shot each other down.

7 As Cobb Takes Ryan's Gun from its holster, breaks it and observes that three shots had been recently fired, he catches a signal between the two girls. He gives no notice of it, however.

8 As the Inspector continued inwardly to rage at the detective's death, Wade made a taunting remark. Next he reels from Cobb's powerful open-hand blow as the two snarling girls are dragged out.



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CHIEF OF POLICE:

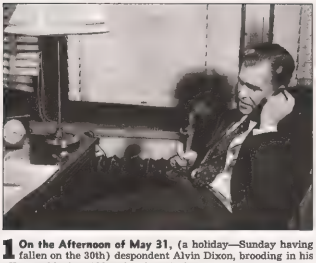
CAUGHT HARRY WADE, EDNA HARPER AND FAY SHERMAN AS THEY RAN FROM MORRIS BUILDING. WADE SAYS DETECTIVE RYAN AND LIPPY ELLIS SHOT EACH OTHER TO DEATH AS LIPPY THOUGHT RYAN A HIJACKER. EXAMINATION OF GUN IN RYAN'S HOLSTER REVEALED THREE SHOTS RECENTLY FIRED FROM IT AND LIPPY SHOT THREE TIMES WHILE RYAN SHOT TWICE. CAUGHT GIRLS EXCHANGING A SIGNAL. ALL DENIED INTENT OF ARSON CLAIMING ONLY AFTER FURS BUT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY I HAVE BOOKED THEM FOR MURDER. OTHER ARRESTS IN ARSON RING FOLLOW SHORTLY.

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

9 Sadly Cobb Wrote Out one of his famed telegraphic reports (above). What *one*, single clue convinced him Wade was lying; that Ryan had not been killed in a gun battle but had been cold-bloodedly murdered? The single clue is in text, photos and wire. Solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 14.

Death on a Holiday



1 On the Afternoon of May 31, (a holiday—Sunday having fallen on the 30th) despondent Alvin Dixon, brooding in his office, suddenly reaches for the telephone and . . .

2 . . . Calls His Young, and very attractive wife, Marcia, at their apartment in the swanky Hotel Cranford.

3 As Dixon Says, "Good-bye, dear," Marcia is horrified by the sound of a gunshot over the phone and faints.

4 Avis Weaver, switchboard operator, listening in on Dixon's conversation, is also startled by sound of a shot over the telephone.

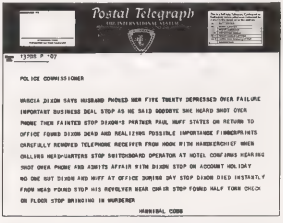
5 Shortly After the call, Alvin Dixon's partner, Paul Huff, stands beside Dixon's lifeless body, sprawled in his chair.

6 Huff, observing his partner is beyond all aid is careful not to disturb anything. He calls headquarters, using his handkerchief on the receiver.

7 Famed Chief of the Homicide Bureau, Inspector Hannibal Cobb, silently studies the scene as Huff tells he found Dixon dead in his office. Half a torn check from the floor interests Hannibal.

8 Learning of Dixon's Call to his wife, the Inspector questions the switchboard operator at the hotel. She verifies hearing a shot over phone and admits having an affair with Dixon.

9 Hannibal Cobb tersely questions Marcia. Then he hurries to the hotel lobby where he despatches his usual cryptic, sometime puzzling, but always complete, telegraphic report to the police commissioner.



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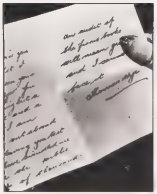
MARCIA DIXON SAYS HUSBAND PHONED HER FIVE TWENTY DEPRESSED OVER FAILURE IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEAL STOP AS HE SAID GOODBYE SHE HEARD SHOT OVER PHONE THEN FAINTED STOP DIXON'S PARTNER PAUL HUFF STATES ON RETURN TO OFFICE FOUND DIXON DEAD AND REALIZING POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE FINGERPRINTS CAREFULLY REMOVED TELEPHONE RECEIVER FROM HOOK WITH HANDKERCHIEF WHEN CALLING HEADQUARTERS STOP SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT HOTEL CONFIRMS HEARING SHOT OVER PHONE AND ADMITS AFFAIR WITH DIXON STOP ON ACCOUNT HOLIDAY NO ONE BUT DIXON AND HUFF AT OFFICE DURING DAY STOP DIXON DIED INSTANTLY FROM HEAD POUND STOP HIS REVOLVER NEAR CHAIR STOP FOUND HALF TORN CHECK ON FLOOR STOP SUSPICIOUS IN MURDERER

HANNIBAL COBB

10 How Did Inspector Hannibal Cobb *know* Dixon was not a suicide but that he had been murdered? And whom did he arrest? The single clue—inevitable in most major crimes—that broke the case is in both pictures and telegram. Solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 15.

Murder Committed Before Your Eyes?



1 Joseph Wye Wrote his own death warrant when he penned this letter to his partner, Henry Ross. Ross had been waiting for a chance like this.

2 The Last Half of Wye's letter and a bottle of poison, both of which were handled with gloves to prevent telltale fingerprints, were all that Ross needed for the crime.

3 Phoning Wye, Ross made an appointment in Wye's flat and hurried to the flat so he would arrive first. He placed the bottle of poison on a bookcase where Wye would see it.

4 Wye Entered a few moments later and tossed his hat on a table in the hall where Ross' hat lay. Then he walked into the room where Ross was.

5 Wye Noticed the Bottle, picked it up and examined it with interest. Ross, secretly elated at the number of fingerprints Wye was making on the bottle, explained he had found it lying on the floor in the corridor just outside the apartment door.

6 Ross Explained he had found a man to put up the money needed to set their firm on its feet once more. Wye fell for the plausible story and after they had talked for some time, Ross suggested they have a cup of coffee. Ross drank his hurriedly and asked for a second cup.

7 While Wye Was Gone to get the coffee pot, Ross (who had not removed his gloves) put poison from the bottle into Wye's cup.

8 After Wye Was Dead Ross put away his own cup, saucer and spoon, moved his chair back from the table and called police.

9 When Inspector Holt arrived, Ross' story was simple. He had called to see his partner on a matter of business, found the door unlocked, walked in and found Wye dead in his chair.

10 "Sounds Plausible," thought Holt, but he had already detected a flaw in the story. Ross had made a glaring mistake. It is shown in the pictures. Can you find it? Solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 16.

Faithless Belle Fisher

1 **"Gee, Baby, You're Swell!"** Joe Lubin released from his arms the blond and alluring Mrs. Belle Fisher. "And this is gonna be a pushover, Honey!" Lubin's laugh was not pleasant.

2 **Three Hours Later,** at 2 a. m. Inspector Hannibal Cobb, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, was bending over Anton Fisher's dead body. A bullet had pierced the upper eyelid, passed through the left eye and entered the brain. Fisher had bled but little. The cheap bedroom was a shambles.

3 **"About This Money?"** Cobb asked. "Well," said Belle, "Anton brought home $3,000 tonight—he was going to buy store fixtures. Those murderers got it all!"

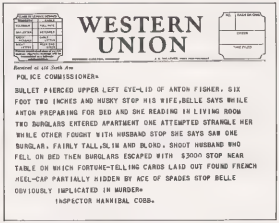
4 **"You Say You Were Lying Here** on the divan reading when two burglars entered while your husband was preparing for bed?" queried Hannibal. "And that one grabbed you while the other, in the bedroom, shot your husband?" "Yes, that's how it was."

5 **Hannibal Cobb** fired a cigaret and asked, "You saw the shot fired that killed your husband?" Belle rubbed her throat and replied, "Yes. He fell back on the bed—dead!" Cobb stood up.

6 **"I Can't Give** a very *accurate* description of the killer," Belle said. "I was too busy defending myself, but he was tall, slim and blond. They escaped with the money from the dresser." "Odd," murmured Cobb, "very odd."

7 **Again Hannibal** observed fortune-telling cards laid out on a table. On the floor lay the ace of spades—*the death card!* It partially hid a French heel cap. Belle tugged at him while he stared at her feet.

8 **Hannibal Cobb Turned** to the now enraged Belle and barked, "You're under arrest for complicity in your husband's murder. Your story is a tissue of lies!" Cobb was mad. Belle Fisher fought savagely.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POLICE COMMISSIONER=

BULLET PIERCED UPPER LEFT EYE-LID OF ANTON FISHER, SIX FOOT TWO INCHES AND HUSKY STOP HIS WIFE,BELLE SAYS WHILE ANTON PREPARING FOR BED AND SHE READING IN LIVING ROOM TWO BURGLARS ENTERED APARTMENT ONE ATTEMPTED STRANGLE HER WHILE OTHER FOUGHT WITH HUSBAND STOP SHE SAYS SAW ONE BURGLAR, FAIRLY TALL,SLIM AND BLOND, SHOOT HUSBAND WHO FELL ON BED THEN BURGLARS ESCAPED WITH $3000 STOP NEAR TABLE ON WHICH FORTUNE-TELLING CARDS LAID OUT FOUND FRENCH HEEL-CAP PARTIALLY HIDDEN BY ACE OF SPADES STOP BELLE OBVIOUSLY IMPLICATED IN MURDER=

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB=

9 **What One, Single Clue** (given you in both text and pictures) told Inspector Hannibal Cobb that Belle had lied about the murder and, if not actually guilty, was involved? Photocrimes are thrilling. See how good a detective you are. Check solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 17.

How Did the Servant Know?

1 Mr. Pyke, ready for a business trip to town, lights a cigaret as his man-servant, Roach, stands by with hat and gloves. Mr. Pyke has plenty of money. Roach gets but little of it.

2 Alone in One end of a smoking car of his train to town, Mr. Pyke, as is his usual custom, makes a few changes in his appearance.

3 In Town, Mr. Pyke enters a jewelry store on a side street, asks to see some expensive diamonds. He looks at many. Then, leaning his left hand on the counter, he hands his card over, says he'll return.

4 Mr. Pyke then starts for the door, but the lone clerk dives after him, noticing a ring is missing from one of the trays. Mr. Pyke is opening the door with his right hand when the clerk grabs him.

5 A Short Tussle follows, but Mr. Pyke is a man of action. He draws a blackjack from his pocket, hits the clerk on the head and then hurries away with the ring he has stolen.

6 Back on the Train, his disguise removed, Mr. Pyke digs the stolen ring from a lump of putty in his left hand. He pockets the ring, well satisfied.

7 Later, in his own room, Mr. Pyke inspects the ring. "Leave me alone," he snaps as Roach steps in to tell him lunch is ready, so Roach hastily withdraws.

8 The Next Morning at breakfast Roach reads of a jewel theft. Police have a good clue, the story in the paper adds. Also, it was the tenth such robbery in the last six weeks.

9 "I See, Sir," Roach says as he enters his master's room with breakfast, "there's been another jewel robbery. It's my opinion the robber lives not far from here, sir." Mr. Pyke's cup slips from his hands and breaks on the table.

10 "I've Been wanting a raise," Roach says, seeing his remark had struck home. "Shall we say $15 a week — and no questions asked?" Mr. Pyke agrees, realizing Roach knows his secret . . . Do you know how Roach found out? The clues are in the pictures. Don't look now at the Solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 18.

What Did the Murderer Forget?

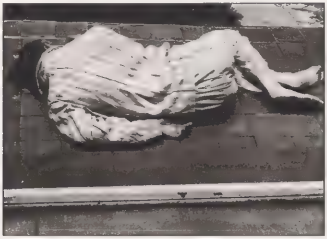
1 Roach, man-servant of Mr. Pyke, has just learned his master is a jewel thief. He has asked for a raise and got it. Now Roach suggests he and his master (the man in dressing gown) go into partnership.

2 Soon Afterwards, Mr. Pyke goes out, after promising to think Roach's plan over. He has decided to get rid of Roach.

3 That Evening, as he had promised, Mr. Pyke holds another conference with Roach, who suggests that they both have some wine. This impertinence makes Mr. Pyke more determined that Roach must go.

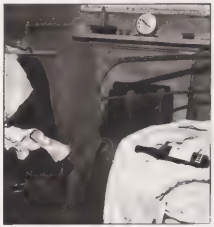
4 Roach's Suggestion about the wine gives his master an idea. They settle down, make an evening of it, Mr. Pyke talking a lot and plying his servant with entirely too much wine.

5 By 11 O'Clock Roach is quite drunk. Mr. Pyke offers to see him safely upstairs and into his bed.



6 Early Next Morning Officer Chubb finds Roach's body lying on a stone walk beneath the attic window. His neck is broken. He has on pajamas with wine stains on them. There is nothing in his pockets or on the ground anywhere around him.

7 Mr. Pyke tells the officer his servant had been moody for the last few days. He also says he believes Roach had been drinking heavily in his room on the sly. Then they go to Roach's room.



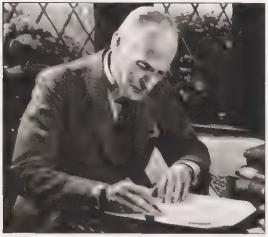
8 The Dead Man's room shows signs of a solitary drinking bout. It seems as if Roach had got blind drunk up in his attic room, gone to the window to get a breath of fresh air and had tumbled out. Nothing at all suggests suicide.

9 Search of the Room discloses only a few coins, a pencil stub, an old theater ticket, a cheap watch, a box of matches, a few keys and Roach's clothes. Nothing else.

10 Nothing on the mantle helps the officer, who seems to be seeking something. Suddenly he asks Mr. Pyke a question. Not satisfied with the answer, the officer arrests the man. If you don't know why the officer is suspicious, see page 27.

CASE NO. 19.

Who Killed Uncle John?



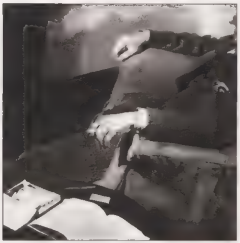
1 In a Small Brick House far out on the edge of the city lived John Martin, 60, a man with but a few friends. He lived alone except for a housekeeper. One day he wrote a letter to his nephew, William.

2 At First Sight of the letter, William was pleased to hear from his wealthy uncle. But when he read it, he was not so pleased. He called his two brothers.

3 One Brother, Dick, was a clerk in an insurance office. He had few interests outside his work. When he received William's call he promised to come over that evening.

4 The Other Brother, Rupert, was a would-be playwright, always glad to borrow a few dollars from his brothers. Evening saw them reading their uncle's letter in William's room.

5 While William and Rupert burned up cigaret after cigaret and Dick puffed a pipe, the three discussed the letter. The uncle was going to change his will, cut them off.



6 The Next Evening as Mr. Martin was sitting alone, he heard a knock. His housekeeper was out, so he admitted his guest, one of his nephews, who asked him not to change the will.

7 But the Uncle told his nephew he was determined to leave his money to a mission. "Get yourself a drink," he said "You won't get anything else."

8 Next Morning the housekeeper found Mr. Martin dead, the room showing evidences of a struggle. Near the body were scattered his cigarets, matches, a pipe cleaner and the book he had been reading earlier.

9 A Detective Found a most important clue at the house. Then the housekeeper told him about the nephews. He thought he could find the guilty one. Can you? If not, look on page 27.

CASE NO. 20.

A Bit of Deduction

1 **"This Disguise** is gonna run them cops ragged, baby," boasted Lew Mallory. "They'll be lookin' for a blond guy with a mustache, buck teeth and wearin' cheaters." Ida Rainey laughed. "You got brains, Lew," she agreed.

2 **Finishing His Meal** in the Empire Cafe Thursday night, Lew carefully wiped with his napkin every piece of tableware he had used. "There is that dick, McBride," he muttered. "Well, I'll pull this job right under his nose—the lug!"

3 **Mallory Deliberately** called attention to himself in a number of ways. Twice he sent back the coffee saying it wasn't hot enough. Then, after disputing his check, left an unusually large tip.

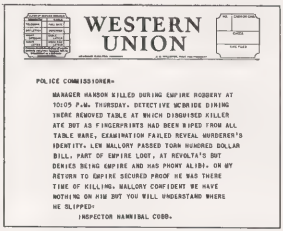
4 **Now He Was Ready!** After peering about shortsightedly he finally located his hat and walked as mincingly as he could to the desk. Paying his check Lew inquired if Mr. Hanson, the manager, were in his office. The cashier nodded. Mallory grinned, went in.

5 **He Had Timed His Visit** well. On the desk lay a pile of bills. When the manager showed fight the gangster shot him twice, shoved the money into his brief case and escaped by a side door.

6 **McBride Had the Table** at which Lew ate removed to a small room and notified Inspector Hannibal Cobb. But careful examination failed to reveal a single trace of the diner's identity.

7 **After 48 Hours** came a tip that Mallory had passed a torn hundred dollar bill at Revolta's gambling joint. Reluctantly the gambler admitted the fact. That bill was among those stolen from the Empire!

8 **Mallory Denied** being in the Empire Thursday; he had an alibi. A false one Cobb was sure but how was he to *prove* that the sneering, defiant gangster *had* been there Thursday night?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MANAGER HANSON KILLED DURING EMPIRE ROBBERY AT 10:05 P.M. THURSDAY. DETECTIVE MCBRIDE DINING THERE REMOVED TABLE AT WHICH DISGUISED KILLER ATE BUT AS FINGERPRINTS HAD BEEN WIPED FROM ALL TABLE WARE, EXAMINATION FAILED REVEAL MURDERER'S IDENTITY. LEW MALLORY PASSED TORN HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL, PART OF EMPIRE LOOT, AT REVOLTA'S BUT DENIED BEING EMPIRE AND HAS FIGHT ALIBI. ON MY RETURN TO EMPIRE SECURED PROOF HE WAS THERE TIME OF KILLING. MALLORY CONFIDENT WE HAVE NOTHING ON HIM BUT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHERE WE SLIPPED=
INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB.

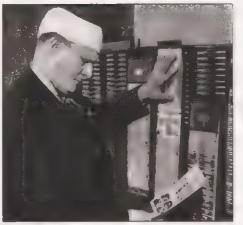
9 **Great Scot!** Hannibal had it! Rushing to the Empire with three men he found *proof* that Mallory *had* been there Thursday night. Where had Mallory slipped? What *one* clue proved his presence at the Empire? Deduce! If you can't find it, see solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 21.

Dope and a Dame

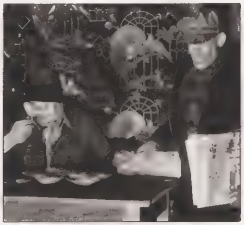
1 **Inspector Hannibal Cobb** was most uncomfortable. A delegation from the Women's Club was blasting him and the police for failing to stop the city's traffic in drugs. He agreed, to himself, that they were justified.

2 **Three Days Later** Cobb located a dope supply. "Get 'em up, Copper!" snarled a gun-wielding girl as he opened the door. He did. "Give it to him, Tony," said the girl. Cobb went down, unconscious from a blow on the head.



3 **His Ego More Wounded** than his head, Cobb searched the rogue's gallery for the girl who had stuck him up as if he'd been a rookie. Ah, here she is, Rena France. Well, he'd see that young lady again, soon.

4 **A Few Nights Later** a drug-crazed girl of good family jumped from a hotel room to her death, making Cobb more determined than ever to break up the dope ring . . . And when he got his hands on the two who had slugged him! . . .

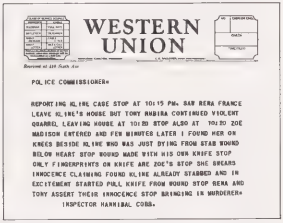


5 **Next Night** as Cobb, disguised, ate in a cheap dive, his best stool pigeon "sold" him a paper with a name and address written on page 5 . . . So Bret Kline was head of the dope ring. Cobb reached Kline's home at . . .

6 **10 P. M.** Kline's study shade was up a trifle. He was arguing with Rena and her man, Tony Rubira. Cobb saw Rena leave at 10:15 while Tony continued to argue. Cobb slipped to the door and saw Tony follow Rena out at 10:20.

7 **As Tony Left,** Zoe Madison, socialite, entered. Cobb, following, found her beside Kline, who was dying. She was grasping the heavy paper knife—Kline's own—which had killed him.

8 **Rena and Tony** were picked up, but the only fingerprints on the knife were Zoe's. "I found him stabbed," she cried. "I came for dope—I needed it. I started to pull the knife out, thinking—"



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REPORTING KLINE CASE STOP AT 10:15 PM= SAW RENA FRANCE LEAVE KLINE'S HOUSE BUT TONY RUBIRA CONTINUED VIOLENT QUARREL LEAVING HOUSE AT 10:20 STOP ALSO AT 10:20 ZOE MADISON ENTERED AND FEW MINUTES LATER I FOUND HER ON KNEES BESIDE KLINE WHO WAS JUST DYING FROM STAB WOUND BELOW HEART STOP WOUND MADE WITH HIS OWN KNIFE STOP ONLY FINGERPRINTS ON KNIFE ARE ZOE'S STOP SHE BREAKS INNOCENCE CLAIMING FOUND KLINE ALREADY STABBED AND IN EXCITEMENT STARTED PULL KNIFE FROM WOUND STOP RENA AND TONY ASSERT THEIR INNOCENCE STOP BRINGING IN MURDERER=

INSPECTOR HANNIBAL COBB=

9 **Cobb Hastily Wrote** his telegraphic report. Whom did he arrest for Kline's murder? Why? The single clue is in both text and photos and is *repeated* (above) in one of Cobb's famous telegraphic reports—the briefest reports in police annals. Check solution on page 27.

CASE NO. 22.

The Orphans and the Fiancee

1 Byron Warwick, famous novelist, had a profitable hobby—commercial art, though he insisted his illustrations be anonymous. Dorothy, his niece, who posed for him on Monday as usual, was his favorite model. She and her shiftless brother, Cyril, orphans, lived with their writer-painter uncle.

2 Warwick Was Not at Breakfast on Tuesday when his houseguest and fiancee, Mona Royce, slapped Cyril in the face after he had shouted at her, "All you're after is Uncle's money!" Dorothy intervened.

3 Tuesday: 10:25 A. M. Inspector Hannibal Cobb in Warwick's studio. "Shot in heart; dead about 8 hours," he grunted. Dorothy had reported the tragedy.

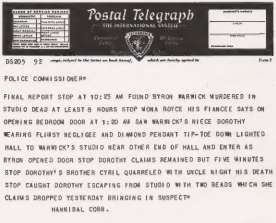
4 "As I Opened My Door at 1:20," Mona told Cobb, "I saw Dot wearing her diamond pendant and a flimsy negligee slip into Byron's studio near the other end of the hall which was, as usual, lighted."

5 "And Then?" Hannibal fired a cigaret. Mona went on, "Despite his professional models Byron preferred Dot to pose for him . . . And she killed him!" "Why?" Cobb asked. "Because he was going to make a new will today—in my favor!"

6 Surprised By the Inspector in the studio, Dot admitted she had been there at 1:20 a. m.—but said Warwick was alive when she left at 1:25. She had gone to intercede with her uncle for Cyril, and to tell Byron that Mona was a gold-digger.

7 Cyril Nervously played solitaire while Cobb questioned him. "Yes, I was there. We quarreled, but he was alive when I left at 1:10." "The studio is sound-proof—was the door open?" asked Cobb. "Yes, it was."

8 Later: As she dashed from the studio Cobb found two beads in Dot's clenched hand. "I dropped them there yesterday," she said. "Oh, believe me!" Cobb sent the telegram at the right.



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POLICE COMMISSIONER*

FINAL REPORT STOP AT 10:25 AM FOUND BYRON WARWICK MURDERED IN STUDIO DEAD AT LEAST 8 HOURS STOP MONA ROYCE HIS FIANCEE SAYS ON OPENING BEDROOM DOOR AT 1:20 AM SAW WARWICK'S NIECE DOROTHY WEARING FLIMSY NEGLIGEE AND DIAMOND PENDANT TIP-TOE DOWN LIGHTED HALL TO WARWICK'S STUDIO NEAR OTHER END OF HALL AND ENTER AS BYRON OPENED DOOR STOP DOROTHY CLAIMS REMAINED BUT FIVE MINUTES STOP DOROTHY'S BROTHER CYRIL QUARRELED WITH UNCLE NIGHT HIS DEATH STOP CAUGHT DOROTHY ESCAPING FROM STUDIO WITH TWO BEADS WHICH SHE CLAIMS DROPPED YESTERDAY BRINGING IN SUSPECT*

HANNIBAL COBB.

9 Who Was the Suspect? What single clue broke the case for Inspector Hannibal Cobb? Really see how good a detective YOU are by giving yourself time to study this Photocrime carefully before looking at the solution which is printed upside down on opposite page.

Solutions to Photocrimes

CASE NO. 1. Fay had the necklace at 12 o'clock, yet Frank said she had given it to him at 11. Cobb found the flowers FRESH despite the biting wintry wind blowing through the open French door. HAD the door been open from the time of the murder they would have frosted. Frank killed Fay to avoid disinheritance, then left the jimmy marks and stole the gifts to indicate an OUTSIDE job. The door, an afterthought, he had opened shortly before Yolette discovered Fay at 6 o'clock. But he overlooked the flowers—and is serving life.

CASE NO. 2. Inspector Cobb knew Peggy was murdered when (in photo 2) he saw her hands BENEATH the covers. It was only when he pulled BACK the covers (photo 3) that he saw her hands. As Claude broke in the door, he was innocent, leaving Martha as the only possible murderer.

The ghastliness of the tragedy lay in Martha's love for her niece—so great that Peggy's love affair had driven her to insanity. Apparently she had intended also to kill herself, for she committed suicide in her cell before her trial.

CASE NO. 3. Officers decided the watchman was lying to them. He said he had been seated at the table when he was seized, but the cushion showed it had not been sat on. Notice how it is "plumped up" in picture No. 6, and how it looks when it really has been sat on, as in picture No. 9. Also, the watchman said he had made his complete rounds, which led him past the wardrobe in which the three-quart scuba lay. Then he should have smelled the smoke. The officers decided the watchman let the three men in the store and then submitted to being bound to make it look "real."

CASE NO. 4. The PERFECT prints of Madge Duncan's thumb and first finger on the key told Inspector Cobb that Dr. Elden had faked the suicide setting and that he had murdered his ex-nurse. From observation Cobb knew that when turning a Yale key in a lock which WORKS WITH DIFFICULTY it is virtually impossible to leave PERFECT prints of thumb and first finger. After poisoning Madge, Elden had been TOO careful in pressing her fingers on the key to the drug cabinet. Elden was hanged.

CASE NO. 5. As Gilda Spencer wore gloves naturally there were no prints on the revolver with which she shot her husband but the ABSENCE of fingerprints on the KNIFE conclusively disproved her statement that her husband had THREATENED her with it and that she had killed him in self-defense. Had he done so HIS prints would, of course, have been on it. Inconceivable as it may seem, Gilda and her brother completely overlooked this in setting the stage for a "self-defense" homicide.

CASE NO. 6. Howard Rose killed Mortimer Rose while Varley mailed the letter. Then Howard tied a small toy balloon near the electric heater, lit the heater and waited for the balloon to explode, making sure he was with Varney (for an alibi) when the noise was heard. The device became suspicious when he found the heater going, and more so when he found the balloon fragments. He also figured a man about to kill himself wouldn't go to the trouble of endorsing a check first.

CASE NO. 7. Look at picture No. 7 again. The clue to Croome's slayer is there. Then if you still need help, read on here. Officers reasoned that Croome, fatally wounded, must have had a good reason to drag himself across the room and grasp a rose from a vase. They had learned from questioning Croome's companions that he had to borrow a pencil to figure his winnings. They decided that, having no pencil, and being unable to write the assailant's name after the assailant left him for dead, Croome did the next best thing. He grabbed the rose in his hand, hoping the officers would get its significance. They did. They arrested Richard Rose for the murder.

CASE NO. 8. The angry Yvonne unwittingly gave Don Walton a perfect alibi when she told Cobb that a hasty glance IN THE MIRROR showed her it was 5 minutes after 1 o'clock when he called to say good night. Cobb immediately recognized the hands of the clock would appear RE-VERSED "by a hasty glance in the mirror," and that it was actually 12:55, as Walton claimed. Having been asleep, Yvonne was not surprised at finding it, as she thought, 1:05. Mrs. Collins had attempted to frame the theft on Walton so that her daughter would renounce him as a thief.

CASE NO. 9. Obviously Kit desired that Chip's death be accepted as an accident (or even suicide) and it probably would have, had she not told of UNLOCKING the garage door and discovering Chip dead. As the door was padlocked on the outside, Chip could not have locked himself in. Thus Inspector Cobb knew it was MURDER, not accident or suicide.

In court she said she had locked Chip in the garage for spite after he had wounded himself, but that she knew nothing of carbon-monoxide. She got a light term.

CASE NO. 10. Inspector Hannibal Cobb arrested Oma for the murder of her husband because he knew her account of the tragedy was a lie. In death, Aymar clutched a rose in his RIGHT hand. His wife said he shot himself (photo 6). The doctor said he had died instantly. The rose in Aymar's hand told Hannibal Cobb he was not a suicide but had been murdered.

Had he shot himself, Cobb saw, he would have dropped BOTH gun AND rose. Oma later confessed she shot Aymar because he threatened to revoke the large trust fund which he had established for her unless she came back to him. Oma was in love with another man.

CASE NO. 11. When Cobb found Pierce's telephone IN the cabinet, he knew Davis had murdered him. After being shot twice through the heart, it would have been IMPOSSIBLE for Pierce to have put the phone there. Davis finally confessed the theft and murder, and admitted calling Cobb.

CASE NO. 12. Inspector Cobb KNEW that Black had not committed suicide but had been murdered because the shotgun was ON his lap. Had he committed suicide the gun could not have POSSIBLY been there. And as all others but Hilary were not within at time of evidence of tragedy, he knew the son was Black's murderer. Knowing that, if his father married Anette, she would have dower right (at least) in his estate; and further fearing his father might cut him and Maria off, he tried to insure for himself and sister ALL his father's fortune.

CASE NO. 13. Hannibal Cobb knew that Wade lied, that Ryan had been murdered, because Ryan's pistol was IN his holster. Had he been killed while shooting Lippy, it could not possibly have been there. Cobb's reconstruction, confirmed by the confession of the girls, was as follows:

Ryan was caught off guard and his gun taken by Wade who shot Lippy with it, then shot Ryan with Lippy's. Lippy was killed for fear he would squeal. Wade was hanged. The Lippy insurance adjusters and two lawyers were given long prison terms, and the arson ring was broken up.

CASE NO. 14. The fatal shot was heard by both Mrs. Dixon and the switchboard operator over the telephone. Death was instantaneous; therefore, Hannibal Cobb KNEW that Alvin Dixon was not a suicide but had been MURDERED—murdered by Paul Huff, as Dixon could NOT have replaced the telephone receiver. Cobb took Huff said in calling Headquarters he had REMOVED it from the hook. Huff later confessed he had killed Dixon as he telephoned, to cover up a theft of funds.

CASE NO. 15. When Holt entered the apartment he noticed the two hats on the table (picture 9). The dead man wore plus-fours, the soft felt hat was obviously Wye's and the derby belonged to Ross. Ross said he entered the flat and found Wye dead, but it was clear to Holt from the position of the hats that Ross had come in first, because Wye's soft felt hat lay partly over Ross' derby. If Ross came in before Wye, he clearly must know something about the latter's death.

CASE NO. 16. Belle Fisher said her husband was shot during a fierce struggle, by one of the burglars whom she described as the opposite of her sweetheart, Lubin. The moment Hannibal Cobb observed that Fisher had been shot THROUGH the UPPER eyelid he knew Anton must have been killed while ASLEEP, Belle and her gangster lover, Joe Lubin, knowing Fisher was bringing home $3,000 that night, planned the murder and framed the story Belle was to tell the police. As is almost inevitable in any major crime, they made one mistake—shooting Fisher through the upper eyelid. Confronted with this, Belle confessed, implicating her lover. Belle and Lubin went to the electric chair.

CASE NO. 17. Chief clues are in pictures 3 and 5. Notice the black button called a "link button." This was torn from Mr. Pyke's coat in the scuffle with the clerk at the jewelry store. Roach saw his master looking at a diamond, then later, in seeing to Mr. Pyke's clothes, the servant noticed the missing button. Then he read of the robbery and the fact that police had a clue, a button. He decided to test his theory that Mr. Pyke was the jewel thief.

CASE NO. 18. Although Mr. Pyke had planned the murder carefully, he overlooked one detail. He got Roach drunk, pushed him out the window, then scattered empty wine bottles around the room. Bottles and corks were arranged all about the attic. But the detective officer asked Mr. Pyke was: "How did he open the bottles?" There wasn't a corkscrew or anything of the sort in the room. The sudden question startled Mr. Pyke that the officer sensed he knew more than he had told.

CASE NO. 19. Dick was the guilty nephew. Clues are in the fourth, fifth and eighth pictures and lines. In the fourth picture Dick is rubbing tobacco in his hands, preparatory to filling his pipe. In the fifth picture, William and Rupert are revealed as cigaret smokers and Dick again as a pipe smoker. In the eighth picture is shown a pipe cleaner beside the body of the uncle, who also has been revealed as a cigaret smoker. All these clues clearly throw suspicion on Dick, the brother who was the insurance office clerk. He was the only pipe smoker.

CASE NO. 20. The one place where Lew had left his fingerprints (shown clearly in photos 3 and 4) was on his check. It was the sudden recollection of the possibility of finding the thug's fingerprints on a check among those paid the evening of the crime that sent Cobb back to the cafe. A careful search uncovered the check bearing Lew's fingerprints. He was convicted and hanged.

CASE NO. 21. Zoe's fingerprints ONLY were found on Kline's knife! That told Cobb who had killed him. Kline was alive when Rena left the study but, after that, Cobb did not SEE what went on there. He did see Tony leave and Zoe enter at 10:20. Therefore he knew either Tony or Zoe was guilty. When he learned that ONLY Zoe's prints were on the knife, Cobb KNEW Tony was the murderer. Were Zoe guilty she would not have wiped off Kline's prints and left her own. Tony went to the chair. He had killed Kline because of the latter's attentions to Rena.

CASE NO. 22. Hannibal Cobb knew Mona Joyce was lying when she said she saw Piper's bedroom door. Her ruse of Warwick's smoke near the other end of the hall to have seen the curtains when he first entered. Warwick is a heavy smoker. She could not have known she was wearing it. She better confessed to shooting Piper from behind, she could not have known being too far away. Cobb decided not to martyr her.

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